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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LIN, FENG

Examiner

Joseph Chang

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/31/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 2, 7-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fu et al., US Patent No. 6,744,293 for reasons of record.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fu et al., US Patent No. 6,744,293 for reasons of record.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/31/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicant comments directed to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fu et al., Applicant argues "Although claim 1 specifies that two signals (i.e., a first signal and a modified second signal) are provided to the phase detector, the Examiner, in applying the Fu reference, simply collapses these signals into one signal. This is clearly improper. Under the Examiner's interpretation, the 'first signal' of claim 1 is the same as the 'second modified signal'". This argument is not persuasive because Figure 1 clearly shows a first signal (103) and a modified second signal (109), as indicated in the previous Office Action, that these signals are not the same signal. Applicant further argues, "In Fu, the signal 109 (which the Examiner asserts corresponds to the modified second signal) is provided to the

buffer 104 (which the Examiner asserts corresponds to the second circuit). In contrast, however, claim 1 calls for the 'modified second signal' to be provided to the phase detector". This argument is not persuasive because as indicated in the previous Office Action, the modified second signal 109 becomes 103 which are both input signals to the phase detector 106 (through Buffer 104).

Regarding applicant comments directed to the rejection of claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fu et al., Applicant argues, "the Office cites no secondary references to support this obviousness assertion ... The applicant respectfully requests that prior art be provided to substantiate this obviousness assertion". As per Applicant's request, Choi et al. US Patent 6,198,326 is included as a secondary reference, showing fixed and variable delays.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

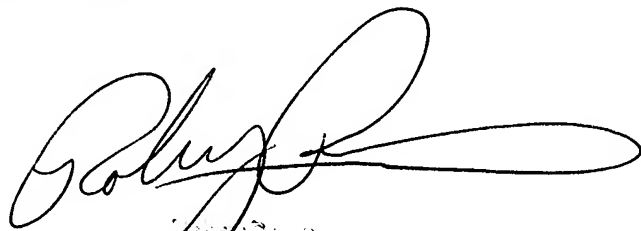
the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Chang whose telephone number is 571 272-1759. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 0700-1730.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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